



***Q1: Why are Arizona teachers and administrators required to complete SEI training?***

The Structured English Immersion (SEI) course requirements are rooted in state law. A.R.S. 7-2-615, states, “a Structured English Immersion (SEI), English as a Second Language (ESL), or bilingual endorsement (BLE) is required of all classroom teachers, supervisors, principals, and superintendents.” Additionally, due to the high incidence of English Language students in Arizona, many receive specific language instruction in PreK-12 classrooms. As such, it is imperative that all educators in Arizona are trained in the laws specific to the instruction for English language learners (ELLs) as well as in appropriate teaching strategies that will assist with language acquisition.

***Q2: Which certificates require the SEI endorsement?***

Individuals who are certified with an Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Early Childhood, Arts Education, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal, or Superintendent Certificate are required to obtain an SEI, full English as a Second Language (ESL), or full Bilingual endorsement.

***Q3: What are the requirements for the SEI endorsement?***

The full SEI endorsement requires a valid teaching or administrative certificate and completion of three (3) semester hours or 45 clock hours of state approved SEI training.

***Q4: How do I apply for the SEI endorsement?***

Submit an [Application for Certification](#), a copy of the SEI training certificate(s) or an official transcript showing the SEI course(s), and \$60 (check or money order only).

***Q5: Which certificates are exempt from the SEI requirement?***

Adult Education, Athletic Coaching, Guidance Counselor, JROTC, School Psychologist, Speech Language Technician, Speech Language Pathologist, and Substitute certificates do NOT require the SEI endorsement.

***Q6: I have English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement in another state. Am I still required to add the SEI endorsement?***

If you hold a valid, full ESL certificate or endorsement from another state you may apply to add a full ESL endorsement to your Arizona certificate in order to meet the SEI requirement.

***Q7: Where can I find an approved SEI class or training?***

You may download a list of approved college and university courses and other training providers at: <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/sei/>.